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Some That Are Really Exceptional

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Exceptional in Style and exceptional in VALUE!

Black Boucle Coats, with big "comfy" looking Fur Collars; one of the belted effect, full flare back and 3/4 length models that have proved so popular this season.

WOMEN'S SIZES, 36 to 44 bust.

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Lined throughout with guaranteed black lining and just as nobby as can be.

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There are about 100 of these fine new Suits—Fur, Braid and Velvet Trimmed Models—comprising all the season's most fashionable materials and colors; well-tailored and lined with peau de cygne or Skinner's Satin.

A great many distinct styles to choose from, including many "sample" Suits of which there are but one or two suits of a kind.

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The Smartest Frocks we've yet shown for anywhere near this price.

Taffetas, Crepe Metesors, Crepe de Chines and Serges; also Serge and Taffeta Combinations. Frocks to please every taste and for every occasion are among these—at \$15.00 each.

Second Floor.

## Ladies Visiting Richmond

are cordially invited to visit the Miller & Rhoads Store OFTEN—make it your HEADQUARTERS. It's a delightful meeting place for friends—to have luncheon—to shop! You're invited to make full use of these and all the other little conveniences planned to add to the comfort and enjoyment of a visit to the SOUTH'S LARGEST DEPARTMENT STORE!

MILLER & RHOADS.

### POLL TAXES DUE

Citizens Who Fail to Meet Notice Will Be Barred From Spring Primary.

Eligible citizens who fail to pay poll taxes for 1915 before December 15 will not be qualified to vote in the primary election next spring when a Mayor, Board of Aldermen and Common Council are to be chosen.

The registration committee of the Civic Association, the City Democratic Committee and City Treasurer Price are urging citizens to attend to this important duty at once. The 1915 taxes on real estate, personal property and fiduciary items are payable now, and 5 per cent will be added to all tax bills due and unpaid December 1.

**Annoying Women.** M. H. Price was fined \$25 and costs in the Police Court yesterday when arraigned on a charge of interfering with women working in the store of Miller & Rhoads. Detectives Atkinson and Bryant caught Price in the act of pushing the rays from a mirror in the faces of women working near the front windows of the store. Price was standing in the doorway of the Broad Street bank at the time.

### APPEAL IS DENIED

Supreme Court Declines to Reopen Divorce Suit of H. Fulwell Nottingham.

The Supreme Court of Appeals yesterday denied an appeal and remanded to H. Fulwell Nottingham, who sued for a divorce and was refused a divorce by the Circuit Court of Northampton County.

Nottingham asked for a divorce a month ago and for the custody of his little son, Nelson Randolph Nottingham, on the ground that his wife, Mary Caroline Nottingham, who she married him in Salem, Oct. 14, 1903, deserted him in July, 1914.

In her answer Mrs. Nottingham admitted abandoning her husband's home, but pleaded justification on the ground she fled a divorce and cruelty on his part and won her decree with alimony and counsel fees.

Conceded Pistol.

W. C. Fuller was fined the usual fine and costs by Justice Crutfield yesterday when convicted of carrying a concealed pistol. Policeman Stockman arrested Fuller.

## ASKS BIDS FOR FIRST LINK IN PARK DRIVEWAY

Administrative Board Takes Steps to Make Long-Cherished Dream a Reality.

### IMPROVE FOURTEENTH STREET

Street Car Company Notified to Begin at Once Shifting of Its Tracks. Will Reconstruct Bridge Over Old Canal.

Steps were taken by the Administrative Board yesterday toward the improvement of Fourteenth Street, between Main Street and the Mayo Bridge; the construction of the first link of the long-planned riverfront park, the reconstruction of the ramshackle wooden bridge over the canal at Seventh Street with a modern bridge of wood and steel.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Beck the board voted to advertise for bids for the grading, graveling, and providing with curbs and gutters, of that section of the proposed riverfront park extending from Riverside Park at Church and Holly Streets to South Howard or First Street. The bids are returnable November 26.

The land needed for this link of the driveway was acquired by the city last summer. When completed, it will form a section of what will be a riverfront park connecting Riverside and Gamble's Hill Parks. Eventually it is planned to carry the driveway westwardly to connect with William Byrd Park and the urban river territory still further to the west.

### FIRST LINK IN PLAN

#### LONG CHERISHED BY CITY

A park-to-park driveway, following the line of the river, was the dream of Colopel Cutshaw, City Engineer Hollings' predecessor, many years ago. The link now to be constructed by the Administrative Board will be the first of the several which when constructed and connected in the years to come, will make Colopel Cutshaw's dream a reality.

The board notified the Virginia Railway and Power Company to begin at once the shifting of its present single-track in South Fourteenth Street to the permanent line and grade adopted by the board last July. Eventually it is planned also that permission is granted it to build an additional 575-foot siding in Fourteenth Street which, in effect, will give that company a double-track railway from the bridge to Cary Street—an improvement which has been strongly urged by Councilman Jones, of Madison Ward.

As soon as the street railway tracks are shifted to conform with the new permanent grade, the city will begin at once the paving and improvement of the street.

### RECONSTRUCT BRIDGE

#### OVER OLD CANAL

The Virginia Railway and Power Company was asked, also, to inform the board whether or not it will cooperate with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company by reconstructing its tracks and crossing over the waterway bridge over the old James River and Kanawha Canal in Seventh Street, the Chesapeake and Ohio having filed with the board yesterday a plan for replacing this structure with a new bridge to be constructed of wood and steel.

The replacing of the ancient wooden bridge with a rigid modern span, in the opinion of the board, will be a most desirable improvement, since it will enable the street railway company to improve its transportation service to the Southside over the Forest Hill line under present conditions, it is claimed, the construction of proper crossing over the wooden bridge is impossible.

The Chesapeake and Ohio also filed with the board a plan looking to the reconstruction of its present Gas Works siding which crosses Williamsburg Avenue overhead, with the view of removing the trouble bent which now occupies the middle of the street. The presence of this obstruction in the street has always been recognized as dangerous. It has already been responsible for several serious accidents.

### TWO DAIRYMEN BURNED

#### IN BLAZE OF GASOLINE

W. M. Milam and Alex Austin Suffer Painted Injuries in Engine-Room at Maplewood Farm.

W. M. Milam, proprietor of Maplewood Farm, on the Mechanicsville Turnpike, and Alex Austin, employed in the dairy on the farm, were seriously burned in a gasoline explosion in the engine-room of the dairy yesterday morning.

Dr. P. K. Lord, of Highland Park, treated the men, and said last night that both would recover.

The explosion was caused when a tank, which Milam was carrying into the engine-room, ignited as a result of the rapid vaporization of the gasoline, once it had been brought into the heated air of the engine-room. When the flames shot forth, Milam endeavored to run out of the building, but set fire to Austin's clothing as he passed.

Milam succeeded in getting outside of the building with the burning tank, but only after the vapor of the gasoline in the engine-room was asphyxiating, making the men unable to breathe.

Austin, cut off from the door through which Milam had escaped, endeavored to get out through a door at the opposite end of the room. This door was locked, and he was forced to wait for his employer to open it. All of the time his trousers were burning, and he was severely burned before Milam succeeded in releasing him. Once out of the building Austin thrust into a tank of water and extinguished the flames.

Milam, in the meantime, had succeeded in putting out the fire which had enveloped him.

The engine-room is built of concrete and the vapor burned itself out without doing any damage to the building.

### SHOT BY FATHER

Miss Meadows, of Charlotte Court-House, Accidentally Injured Protecting Dog.

The condition of Miss Ada Meadows, eighteen years old, who was shot in the arm by her father in the school near Charlotte Court-house several days ago, was reported as favorable last night at the Retreat for the Sick. The arm was not injured.

Miss Meadows was shot accidentally, according to the hospital's report of the case, while her father was endeavoring to drive a dog out of the house. She threw herself in front of the dog just as the gun was discharged, and the lead of the shot penetrated her arm at close range.

**Alleged Assault Upon Wife.** John Seaward was arrested last night by Policeman Bosquet on a warrant charging him with assaulting his wife. She is said not to have been seriously injured.

## HAS POWER TO PARDON REFORM SCHOOL INMATES

Attorney-General Holds Act of 1904, Limiting Jurisdiction of Governor, to Be Unconstitutional.

### SCOTT COUNTY YOUTH FREED

Stuart Promptly Exercises Right and Causes Release of Charles Gillenwater From Prison Association of Virginia.

Minors convicted under the criminal laws of the State and committed to a reform school may be pardoned by the Governor without preliminary action on the case by the board of directors of the institution.

Attorney-General John Garland Pollard, in an opinion given yesterday, pronounces that section of the Code of Virginia of 1904 which restricts the pardoning power of the Governor in certain contingencies where the convicted person is a legal infant unconstitutional. The Constitution, Mr. Pollard holds, invests the executive with absolute pardoning power.

To the Attorney-General's opinion that the act of Assembly is null and void, Charles Gillenwater, a Scott County youth who is suffering from an infectious disease of the eyes, owes his liberty. He was granted a pardon yesterday afternoon.

### CIRCUMSTANCES CAUSE

#### GOVERNOR TO INVESTIGATE

Gillenwater was convicted of forgery, and because of his extreme youth he was not sent to prison, but committed to the custody of the Prison Association of Virginia, with an indefinite sentence. This sentence was taken by the Circuit Court of Scott County under Section 4173-D of the 1904 Code. When he was examined by physician he was found to be suffering with the infectious disease. The association thereupon refused to take him in custody.

Application for a pardon was then made to the Governor. Subsection of the statute referred to provides that the Governor shall have the right and authority to pardon minors committed to the association, provided that the association has failed to act upon an application for the prisoner's discharge.

In this case the association refused to act, on the ground that the prisoner had not been received. The question was then raised as to whether, in such a case, the executive may grant a pardon.

### GOVERNOR HAS POWER

#### TO EXERCISE PARDON

In his opinion, the Attorney-General says: "I am of the opinion that the act of the Constitution above quoted (Section 73) vests in the Governor absolute power of pardon, and any statute having for its purpose the limiting of your power in that respect is null and void. The provisions of Section 4173-D, Virginia Code, 1904, so far as it is attempted to take away from the Governor his right to pardon minors committed to the association, until application for discharge is made to the Prison Association, is an unwarranted attempt on the part of the General Assembly to restrict your constitutional power. It follows, therefore, that I am of the opinion that you have a right to exercise executive clemency in this case."

The Governor's predecessors in office since 1901 have been governed in dealing with similar cases by the law which the Attorney-General now declares null and void. The effect of the opinion will be to place the cases of minors committed to either of the two reform schools of the State immediately before the executive when application for clemency is made by the association.

The Governor also granted a parole to Edward Edwards, a Norfolk County convict, committing him to the custody of W. E. Pettus, of Henric, who is serving a term of eight years for murder, and had spent five years in prison. Executive clemency was recommended by Judge Joseph T. Lawrence, in whose court the case was tried.

## CHICKEN THIEF GOES TO STATE PENITENTIARY

John Holmes to Serve Two Years for Breaking Into Henhouse of Mrs. G. R. Ewell.

Chicken-stealing proved to be a disastrous pastime in the case of John Holmes, colored, who was sentenced yesterday by Judge Richardson to serve two years in the penitentiary because on September 17 he broke into the henhouse of Mrs. G. R. Ewell and carried away an even dozen fat pullets, valued by the owner at \$1 each.

Holmes was found guilty of the offense on October 22. His counsel moved that the verdict be set aside, and sentence was suspended until the motion could be argued and ruled upon. Yesterday Judge Richardson overruled the motion and pronounced the sentence.

Henry Brown was convicted of stealing six wooden crates and sixteen dozen empty beer bottles from the Jefferson Hotel, and was sentenced to serve three months in jail. He had already been convicted of stealing empty beer bottles from Hotel Richmond.

Joseph Overton was given sixty days in jail for unlawful trespass.

### Fined for Selling Liquor.

Emma Price, arrested by Policeman Sweet Sunday on a charge of selling liquor without a license at 14 Locust Alley, was fined \$100 and costs in the Police Court yesterday.

The case against Hannah White, colored, arrested by Policeman Sweet and Gary on a charge of selling liquor without a license at 14 North Seventeenth Street, was continued until November 30.

## Your Will

is a very important document, and in order that your wishes shall be carried out YOU should take proper care of it.

Put it in an absolutely safe place, where no unscrupulous person can get it and where it is safe from destruction by fire. That place is in the SAFETY VAULTS of

## The American National Bank

of Richmond, Va.

Rent a box for the SECURITY of YOUR valuable papers; you will find it gives invaluable SERVICE for \$3.00 per year.

## For Day Weddings

We are in a position to supply Braided Cutaways, incorporating all the season's smartest lines.

Vests to match, or of white silk or pique. Trousers of striped worsted, in various shades. Gloves of Pearl Suede or Gray Mocha—all attest the care with which we conduct our Department of Formal Attire.

## Gans-Rady Company

## ALUMNI BANQUETS TO FEATURE CONFERENCE

Various Associations Will Hear Some of Best-Known Educators in Virginia.

### DELEGATES FLOCKING HERE

Executive Committee Meets To-Day, Preceding Opening of Tenth Annual Session of Teachers and Superintendents of State.

Among the features of the tenth annual Educational Conference of Superintendents, Teachers, Principals and Teachers of Virginia, which begins here to-morrow morning, will be the annual banquets of the various alumni associations. These affairs will not only bring the teachers together in social intercourse, but will serve as an opportunity for them to hear discussions by some of the best known educators of the Old Dominion.

The University of Virginia Summer School Alumni Association will hold its annual banquet to-morrow evening at 6 o'clock in Murphy's Hotel. Dr. C. C. Alphonso Smith, of the university faculty and once Roosevelt exchange professor in Berlin; Dr. J. C. Metcalf, professor of English at Richmond College; R. C. Starnes, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Superintendent J. A. C. Chandler, of the city schools, will be among the speakers.

On Thursday evening at 6:30 o'clock, the Virginia Branch of the Teachers' College Alumni Association of Columbia University, will tender its annual banquet in the rooms of the Business Men's Club. Short talks will be made by several prominent educators.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL MEET TO-DAY

An all-day session of the executive committee of the State Teachers' Association is scheduled for to-day to precede the opening of the conference, in the Chamber of Commerce Building. Delegates began to flock to the city yesterday. A registration bureau has been established at the High School, where all delegates are required to call and have their names enrolled on arrival.

Special committees will look after the comfort and convenience of women and men. All assignments to hotels and boarding houses are made by a committee, whose quarters during the conference will be in the High School.

### MUCH ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL DELEGATES

The entertainment provided for the visitors will include the following program:

Wednesday—Luncheon to be given for the trustees, division superintendents, supervisors and principals by the Virginia School Supply Company, Meadow and Marshall Streets, 12:30 to 2:30 o'clock. Luncheon will be served at the same hour to visiting teachers by the Retail Merchants' Association at the Masonic Temple.

Thursday—Educational moving pictures and other amusements at the William Fox School Auditorium, 2:30 o'clock.

Friday—Opera, "A Nautical Knot," to be presented by the pupils of John Marshall High School in the auditorium of the school.

The fifth annual meeting of the Classical Association of Virginia will be held on Friday morning at 9 o'clock in Room No. 291 at the high school. Much interest has been evinced in past years in its sessions, especially in that of a year ago, when the address of Pauline Harrison drew marked attention to the fundamental value of the classics in modern education.

Addresses will be made by Rosewell Page and Professor C. W. E. Miller, the successor of Professor Gildersleeve in the chair of Greek at Johns-Hopkins University.

**Charge Fighting in Street.** E. W. Brown, J. O. Mercer and L. L. Brown were arrested by Policemen Atcheson, Moore and Bernstein on Broad Street yesterday afternoon on a charge of being disorderly and fighting in the street. All were bailed.

### Negro Hit by Engine.

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## WILL CONSIDER BIDS FOR BUILDING RAILROAD

Board of Directors of Richmond, Rappahannock and Northern to Meet To-Day.

### SEABOARD AIR LINE EARNINGS

Financial Publication Discusses Rapid Recovery of South From Disturbed Conditions Brought About by War in Europe.

The board of directors of the Richmond, Rappahannock and Northern Railway will meet to-day at noon in the company's offices in this city to consider bids for the construction of the road between West Point and Urbanna. A committee, appointed especially to canvass bids for the work, will make its report, and the contractors submitting proposals will, all probably, attend the meeting of the directors.

At a recent meeting of the directors a committee was appointed to canvass bids for the construction of the road, the board desiring to determine the approximate cost of the line before offering the stock to the public. As soon as the cost is determined, it is said, the stock will be placed on the market and work started on the road. Several local concerns have submitted bids for the construction of the line, it is understood, and competition is keen for the contract.

Committees from the Chamber of Commerce and Retail Merchants' Association will visit the territory traversed by the new road in a few days to consider the outlook of the Richmond, Rappahannock and Northern, with the view of commending the stock to local investors.

### SEABOARD EARNINGS SHOW PROGRESS OF SOUTH

"Seaboard Air Line Railway's current earnings, like those of other roads in the South," states yesterday's Wall Street Journal, "exemplify the rapid recovery which that territory is making from the disastrously disturbed conditions brought about by the war."

"In the case of the Seaboard the recovery is most pronounced. Reports so far made public do not indicate this so much as will those yet to be made public. In July and August, 1914, the company was doing a big business. In July the war had not yet broken out and the effect of the fright to business in this country had not put in an appearance by the end of August. Therefore, comparisons for these two months of this year are being made with normally heavy months of last year."

The decrease of the Seaboard for the month of August this year was considerably less than for July, while for the month of September the earnings increased about 10 per cent. At the present time the gross is running between 14 and 16 per cent ahead of last year, and everywhere in the South are indications that the revival is permanent.

"Up to November 14 this year, as compared with the same period of last year, the company carried practically the same volume of gross business with 6 per cent fewer freight train miles run. This and other methods of efficiency have cut the cost of moving traffic by 23 per cent of gross as compared with last year, and has permitted an increase of approximately \$220,000 in net on the same amount of gross. On September 30 net was only \$25,000 ahead of the corresponding three months of last year."

### Arrested for Assault.

William Grayson, colored, was arrested last night by Policemen Campodonica and Traylor on a charge of assaulting Maggie Tinslie.

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## GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION FAILS TO MATERIALIZE

No Evidence to Be Presented Bearing on Alleged "Election Frauds."

### RUMORS ARE RUN TO EARTH

Commonwealth's Attorney Wise, After Diligent Effort, Says He Has Been Unable to Find Anything to Warrant an Investigation.

The grand jury investigation into Richmond "election frauds" failed to materialize yesterday. Although specific requests for a full investigation of their conduct filed by Superintendent Cohn, of the Street-Cleaning Department, and John Hirschberg, of the Administrative Board, with Judge Richardson, had been turned over by him to Commonwealth's Attorney Wise, the latter announced yesterday that he has been unable to find anything that justified an investigation, and no charges were laid before the jury.

In this manner closed the more or less exciting incident of several weeks ago, when the rumor was circulated that in at least two instances pressure had been brought to bear upon men employed in the Street-Cleaning Department by authorities at the City Stables to induce them to vote for a certain candidate in the recent race for the vacancy in the Commonwealth Attorney's office.

### RUMORS MET WITH PROMPT DENIAL

Hard upon the heels of this report came the intimation that Mr. Hirschberg had attempted to embarrass Jerry Hallahan, an employee at the state library building, because the latter failed to vote as he was expected to vote. Mr. Hirschberg promptly and vigorously denied the truth of the charges, and requested of Judge Richardson a full investigation. The same request was made by Mr. Cohn.

When the grand jury convened yesterday morning the Commonwealth's Attorney took no steps to start the inquiry. Unofficially he made the statement that while he had the right to appear before the grand jury at any time and launch such charges as he deems proper, he himself has been unable after diligent effort to find any thing in the conduct of Mr. Hirschberg or Mr. Cohn to warrant him in ordering an investigation.

### COUNCIL MEETS TO-NIGHT

Will Consider Juvenile Court Ordinance Committee to Act on Plan for Parks.

Chairman J. J. Mitchell, of the Council Committee on Public Buildings, Properties and Utilities, issued a call yesterday for a special meeting of the committee, to be held at 8:30 o'clock to-night. The committee is called especially for the consideration of several measures looking to the establishment of public parks in Barton Heights and Fulton.

The Common Council will meet in special session at 8 o'clock to consider the ordinance which proposes to establish in Richmond a Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.

### AMUSEMENTS

#### ACADEMY--To-Day

Matinee and Night. Henry W. Savage Offers "Everywoman"

Prices: Night, 50c to \$2. Matinee, 25c to \$